The amount involved is Rs. 205 crore (approximately) which is to be borne from Sugar Development Fund. The export assistance is also to be used exclusively for cane price arrears payment.

(iii) Ban on export of sugar has been removed in January, 2007 and requirement of obtaining an export release order for export of sugar except for exports to EU countries and USA has been withdrawn *w.e.f.* 31.07.2007, for the current and next sugar season.

(d) The open market prices of non levy sugar have declined considerably in the current sugar season due to excess production of sugar which has constrained the capacity of the sugar mills to pay cane price dues to sugarcane growers in time. The sugarcane and sugar production in the next sugar season 2007-08 is also likely to be higher and sugar prices may continue to remain at present levels. It is difficult to indicate a definite time-frame by which the sugarcane growers would get their dues cleared.

Banned drugs in circulation

*266. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of drugs which are banned globally, are being sold in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some drugs which are banned in the country, are still available in the market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) There is no system of banning drugs globally by any organization or regulation. The safety and efficacy of a drug is ascertained as per Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules before market approval in the country. Even after market approval is given for any drug, the safety and efficacy is continuously examined on the basis of information received through Pharmocovigilance, Post-Marketing Surveillance and information reported from other countries.

In order to examine such information, the Drug Technical Advisory Board under Drugs and Cosmetics Act has constituted a Sub-committee, consisting of experts on the subject who examine the information received from the sources mentioned above and take a final view as to whether to prohibit the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs or restrict its use for specific population and accordingly recommend to the Government to make suitable amendment in the market authorization or prohibit manufacture, sale and distribution and drugs under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act which empowers the Central Government to prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of such drug or cosmetics.

No information has been received in the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) regarding availability in the market of drugs banned in the country under Section 26-A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Quota under Tatkal Reservation System

†*267. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of berth quota fixed for reservation out of the total number of berths under Tatkal Reservation System;

(b) whether the number of general reservation berths has not been reduced following implementation of Tatkal Reservation System;

(c) if so, whether reduction in number of general reservation berths has not compounded the problems of passengers; and

(d) the total additional revenue to be generated by Tatkal Reservation System for Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) The extent of accommodation earmarked under Tatkal scheme varies from class to class and train to train depending upon the demand pattern. However, during 2006-07, around 8% of the total reserved accommodation has been earmarked on an average as Tatkal accommodation.

(b) There has been no reduction in the availability of general reserved accommodation after implementation of Tatkal scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Approximately Rs.200 crores was realised from Tatkal Charges during the year 2006-07.

Notification on establishment of PCPIR

*268. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI SPATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1995 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 2007 and state:

(a) whether the policy for establishment of PCPIRs has been notified by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.